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From: Irina Zhorov [mailto:izhorov@uwyo.edu]
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To: McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa
Subject: Aquifer exemption inquiry

Hi Lisa,

I just left you a voicemail message but wanted to follow up with a quick email. I'm working on a story about the recently granted exemption to Encana Energy to pump wastewater from fracking into the Madison Aquifer in Wyoming. The EPA submitted questions after the exemption was initially approved but was waiting for a final decision by the WY Oil and Gas Conservation Commission before acting further. The final decision was granted on, I believe, March 12th. Is there someone I can follow up with regarding what the EPA's take is on this exemption? And I'd ideally like to speak with someone that could address this case in particular but also speak more broadly about such exemptions, whether they are becoming more common (especially with uranium mining increasing) and if they threaten future water resources.

I heard in your message that you plan to be out for a couple of days – I'd like to set something up this week so if there is someone else that could help me do that please let me know how to get in touch with them.

Thank you,
Irina.

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